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"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY STATUTES."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 16-244c of the
- 4 general statutes, as amended by section 4 of public act 03-135, is
- 5 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 6 October 1, 2004):
- 7 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section
- 8 regarding an alternative transitional standard offer option or an
- 9 alternative standard service option, an electric distribution company
- 10 providing transitional standard offer service, standard service,
- 11 supplier of last resort service or back-up electric generation service in
- 12 accordance with this section shall, not later than July 1, 2007, file with
- 13 the Department of Public Utility Control <u>for its approval</u> one or more
- 14 long-term power purchase contracts from Class I renewable energy
- 15 source projects that receive funding from the Renewable Energy

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16 Investment Fund and that are not less than one megawatt in size, at a 17 price that is not more than the total of the comparable wholesale 18 market price for generation plus five and one-half cents per kilowatt 19 hour. In its approval of such contracts, the department shall give 20 preference to purchase contracts from those projects that would 21 provide a financial benefit to ratepayers or would enhance the 22 reliability of the electric transmission system of the state. Such 23 contracts shall be comprised of not less than a total, apportioned 24 among each electric distribution company, of one hundred megawatts. 25 The cost of such contracts and the administrative costs for the 26 procurement of such contracts directly incurred shall be eligible for 27 inclusion in the generation services charge component of rates, 28 provided that such contracts are for a period of time sufficient to 29 provide financing for such projects, but not less than ten years and are 30 for projects which began operation on or after July 1, 2003. The amount 31 from Class I renewable energy sources contracted under such contracts 32 shall be applied to reduce the applicable Class I renewable energy 33 source portfolio standards. For purposes of this subdivision, the 34 department's determination of the comparable wholesale market price 35 for generation shall be based upon a reasonable estimate."